



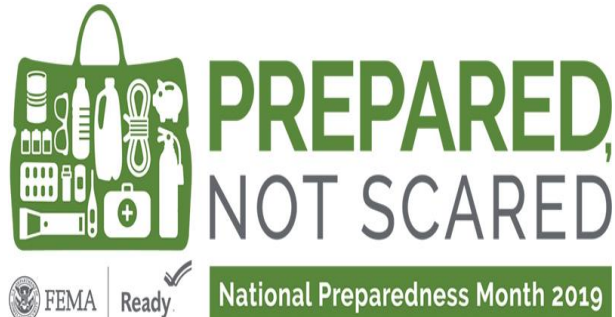
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Shelby County Tornado Drill September 25 at 9:25 a.m.

The Shelby County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office would like to invite the public to join us in a county-wide tornado drill during the last week of National Preparedness Month. Citizens are encouraged to practice how and where to shelter in a predetermined safe place in order to increase their chances of surviving a deadly tornado. On **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 9:25 A.M.** the Shelby County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Office will sound the outdoor warning sirens to coincide with the tornado drill (if no hazardous weather is in the area). At that time, please practice taking shelter in your safe place. After the drill, email Shelby.Logan@shelbycountyttn.gov with information on the number of participants and the name of your business, if applicable.



Tornado Safety Tips:

Stay Informed! Have 2 ways to receive weather alerts.

1. Download emergency weather apps to mobile devices.
 - ReadyTN (<https://www.tn.gov/tema/ready-tn.html>)
 - FEMA (<https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app/>)
2. Have a NOAA all-hazards battery operated radio with a tone alert.

Know Weather Terms:

1. **Tornado Watch:** conditions are favorable for a tornado to form. Watches generally cover a large geographical area and can last several hours. **Stay alert!**
2. **Tornado Warning:** a tornado has been spotted on radar or by a SKYWARN spotter. Warnings may cover a smaller area for a shorter time. **Seek shelter immediately!**

Tornado Safe Place:

- The safest place to seek shelter from a tornado is underground (a storm shelter or in a basement).
- If you do not have an underground shelter, go into a sturdy building, on the lowest floor, in a small interior room (may be a hallway, under the stairs, or a bathroom).
- Stay away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Do not open windows.

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- Have a disaster kit that includes: NOAA all-hazards radio, flashlight & batteries, cellphone & charger, helmet, sturdy shoes, work gloves, a whistle, blankets, pillows, and a first-aid kit.

Show Off Your Safe Place! Take a “safe place selfie” during the tornado drill and post it to social media with the hashtag #SafetyTornadoShelby.

Resource: <https://www.ready.gov/september>

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